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FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON FEBRUARY 15 AT 12:00
ALABAMA'S RECONSTRUCTION LEGISLATURE PRESENTED BY RICHARD BAILEY

Montgomery, AL (2/01/2018)- *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on **Thursday, February 15 at 12:00** when Dr. Richard Bailey presents ***Alabama's First Reconstruction Legislature***.

In this presentation, Dr. Bailey will discuss Alabama's first legislature following the Civil War. This ground-breaking delegation represented the new Republican party and included the state's first African American officeholders. Dr. Bailey will describe their experiences and the response of this law making body to social and economic changes in the tumultuous post-Civil War Alabama society.

Dr. Bailey is a frequent lecturer and consultant on black history and is the author of *Neither Carpetbaggers nor Scalawags: Black Officeholders During the Reconstruction of Alabama 1867-1878* (2010). He served as an advisor for documentaries on the Lincoln School of Marion and Reconstruction black officeholders by the Center for Public Television at the University of Alabama. He also served on the state commission tracing the path of Spanish explorer De Soto through Alabama. Dr. Bailey resides in Montgomery.

Admission to *Food for Thought* presentations is always **FREE**. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages will be provided. **For additional information call (334) 353-4689.**

Food for Thought 2018 is sponsored by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and made possible with support from the daughters of Judge Alex A. Marks, in his memory.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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